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## Welcomes You to Washington, D.C.

### WHAT TO SEE AND WHERE TO SEE IT!

#### **US CAPITOL-** <http://www.congress.gov>

The Capitol is the home of the Legislative branch of our government, and is the oldest federal building in Washington. Tours are coordinated from the West Front of the Capitol, and tickets are distributed beginning at 8:15 am. Tours are given every 30 minutes, Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM. Tel: (202) 225-6827. *Metro Stop:* Union Station.

#### **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS-** <http://www.loc.gov>

First Street and Independence Avenue, S.E. This is the largest library in the world, housing over 80 million items including books, pictures, movies, maps, and exhibits. Tours are available Monday through Friday at 10:30 and 11:30 AM, and 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 PM. Tel: (202) 707-8000. *Metro Stop:* Capitol South or Union Station

#### **US BOTANIC GARDENS-** <http://www.nationalgarden.org>

100 Maryland Avenue, just down from the Capitol off Independence Avenue, S.W. Tel: (202) 225-8333. *Metro Stop:* Federal Center or Capitol South.

#### **THE SUPREME COURT-** <http://www.supremecourtus.gov>

First and Maryland Avenue, N.W. The Nation's highest court meets in this building. Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Lectures are held from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM every half hour on the hour when the Court is not in session. Tel: (202) 479-3000. *Metro Stop:* Capitol South or Union Station.

#### **THE WHITE HOUSE-** <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The White House is currently closed to the public. A visitor's center is located in the Department of Commerce on 15<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. across from the Ellipse. Open daily 7:30-4:00 PM *Metro Stop:* Farragut West or McPherson Square.

#### **SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION-** <http://www.smithsonian.org>

The Smithsonian attractions listed below are open 10:00AM to 7:30 PM from Memorial Day to Labor Day and 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM the remainder of the year. Tel: (202) 357-2700. *Metro Stop:* Smithsonian.

##### **Air and Space Museum-** <http://www.nasm.si.edu>

6th and Independence Avenue, S.W. The world's most popular museum, displaying the Wright brothers' plane, The Spirit of St. Louis, the Apollo II command module, and many other exhibits. IMAX films including *To Fly* are shown daily from 10:15 AM to 8:15 PM at 40-minute intervals. *Metro Stop:* L'Enfant Plaza or Smithsonian. \*

##### **American History Museum-** <http://Americanhistory.si.edu>

14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Highlights include the original "Star-Spangled Banner," the First Ladies' gowns, an old fashioned ice cream parlor, and milestones of American invention: Bell's telephone, Ford's Model T, and Whitney's model of the original cotton gin. *Metro Stop:* Smithsonian or Federal Triangle. \*

##### **Arts and Industries Building-** <http://www.si.edu/ai>

9th and Jefferson Drive, S.W. The dynamic spirit of America 100 years ago is recaptured in this, the second oldest Smithsonian building on the Mall. It was used for President James Garfield's inaugural ball in 1881 and today houses "1876: A Centennial Exhibition." *Metro Stop:* Smithsonian.

##### **Natural History Museum-** <http://www.mnh.si.edu>

10th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Visitors can learn about glaciers and Ice Age mammals. Exhibits range in size from the mounted African Bush elephant, dinosaur skeletons, and the 92 foot model of a blue whale to the Hope Diamond and the bones of a tiny pocket mouse. *Metro Stop:* Smithsonian or Federal Triangle. \*

##### **Smithsonian Building**

10th and Jefferson Drive, S.W. To many visitors, this building-popularly known as the castle-symbolizes the entire Smithsonian. It was the institution's first building and today houses the Visitor Information Center. A carousel for children of all ages is located outside the museum. *Metro Stop:* Smithsonian. \*

##### **The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden-** <http://hirshhorn.si.edu>

Independence Avenue at 7<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Filled with art from all over the world, the Hirshhorn features contemporary painting and sculpture from the past 125 years. Open daily 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. *Metro Stop:* L'Enfant Plaza.

##### **Freer Gallery-** <http://www.asia.si.edu>

Jefferson Drive at 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. A gift to the Smithsonian Institution, this museum features Far and Near East works, some dating back 2,000 years. *Metro Stop:* Smithsonian.

##### **National Collection of Fine Arts**

8th and G Streets, N.W. This museum celebrates American art from the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries. This beautiful building houses paintings by some of America's most famous artists. *Metro Stop:* Gallery Place/Chinatown.

##### **National Portrait Gallery-** <http://www.npg.si.edu/>

Housed in the South Wing of the Old Patent Office Building between 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and G and F Streets, N.W. Adjacent to the National Collection of Fine Arts, the Portrait Gallery features paintings of prominent Americans by American artists. The building is currently closed for renovations until 2004-2005. *Metro Stop:* Gallery Place/Chinatown.

##### **The National Museum of African Art-** <http://www.nmafa.si.edu/>

950 Independence Avenue, S.W. This museum has the finest American collection of African art, as well as American art influenced by African styles. Tours are available between 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM. *Metro Stop:* Smithsonian.

##### **Renwick Gallery-** <http://nmaa-ryder.si.edu/home.html>

17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. This Smithsonian museum emphasizes American crafts and decorative art. Make sure to see the opulent upstairs rooms that were modeled after the Louvre. *Metro Stop:* Farragut West or Farragut North.

##### **The National Gallery of Art-** <http://www.nga.gov>

Constitution Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. The main building and I.M. Pei's magnificent East building house the Nation's art treasures and are connected by an underground concourse. The National Gallery encompasses all aspects of the visual arts. Open daily 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tel: (202) 737-421. *Metro Stop:* Archives or Judiciary Square.

**UNITED STATES NATIONAL ARBORETUM** - <http://www.usna.usda.gov>

3501 New York Avenue, NE. The Arboretum's beautiful 446-acre campus contains an array of display gardens, collections, and historical monuments set among native stands of eastern deciduous trees. Arboretum grounds are open every day of the year except December 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 PM. The Arboretum is located 2.2 miles from the Capitol. It is bordered on the west by Bladensburg Road, on the north by New York Avenue, and on the south by M Street. Visitor entrances are located on New York Avenue and on R Street. Tel: (202) 245-2726. *Not accessible by Metro.*

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES**- <http://www.archives.gov/index.html>

7<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Ave, NW The original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights are all on display here (this exhibit is closed until 2003). Exhibits, films, and tours highlight our nation’s history and development. Open: Monday & Wednesday 8:45 am - 5:00 PM, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:45 am - 9:00 PM and Saturday 8:45 am - 4:45 PM.. Closed Sundays and Federal Holidays . Tel: (202) 501-5000. *Metro Stop:* National Archives/Navy Memorial.

**BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING**- <http://www.bep.treas.gov/>

14<sup>th</sup> and C Street, SW. You'll see millions of dollars being printed during a tour of the BEP. The tour features the various steps of currency production, beginning with large, blank sheets of paper, and ending with wallet-ready bills! Tour availability is VERY limited. Tickets are required for all tours on a first-come, first-served basis. The Ticket Booth opens at 8:00 a.m. and lines form early and tickets go quickly. Tel: (202) 874-3187. *Metro Stop:* Smithsonian. \*

**THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM**- <http://sc94.ameslab.gov/TOUR/aquarium.html>

14<sup>th</sup> Street between Constitution and D Streets, NW. Situated in the basement of the U.S. Department of Commerce Building, it is the nation's oldest aquarium, established in 1873 and at its present location since 1932. There are 50 tanks containing over 200 species of salt and fresh water fish, including piranha, shark, eel, and Japanese carp; also some endangered species. Open every day of the year except December 25, 9 AM. to 5 PM. Tel: (202) 377-2825. *Metro Stop:* Federal Triangle.\*

**FORD’S THEATER, THE LINCOLN MUSEUM, AND THE HOUSE WHERE LINCOLN DIED (PETERSEN HOUSE)-**

<http://www.nps.gov/foth/schedule.htm>

516 10<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, between E and F Streets, NW. Visit the location where President Lincoln was assassinated. Tours at Ford's Theater are free and self-guided. The theater is normally open between the hours of 9AM and 5PM. Being an active stage, the theater closes at times for matinees and rehearsals. Tel: (202) 488-0400. *Metro Stop:* Metro Center. \*

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM**- <http://www.ushmm.org/visit/>

100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW. (Old 15<sup>th</sup> Street, SW between Maine Avenue and Independence Avenue). Open daily (except September 16 and December 25) 10AM to 5:30PM. No passes are necessary for entering the museum building, the special exhibits, the interactive Wexner Learning Center, and other Museum resources. Even if you cannot get Permanent Exhibition passes for the day you want to come, feel free to visit and take advantage of the Museum many other learning opportunities. Timed Passes are necessary for Permanent Exhibition- *The Holocaust* - and can be obtained at the Museum on the day of your visit or in advanced by calling [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com) at 800-400-9373. Each day, the Museum distributes on a first- come first- served basis a large but limited number of timed entry passes for use that same day. Allow at least two hours to visit the museum. Tel: (202) 488-0400.

**THE SPY MUSEUM**- <http://www.spymuseum.org>

Located at 800 F Street, NW - between 8th and 9th Streets. Gain access to the world's largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display. Over 600 pieces are on exhibit, including our collection of G-Man toys from the 1930s and 1940s when interest in G-Men ("G" stands for "Government," in this case FBI agents) was at a high and children searched for worthy role models. Open everyday of the year except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day: 10 AM to 8 PM (April through October) and 10 AM to 6 PM ( November through March). Tickets: \$11--Adults, \$9--Seniors (age 60+) / Military & Intelligence, \$8--Children (grades K-12 or ages 5-18), Free--Children under 5. Tel: (202) 654-0960. *Metro:* Gallery Place Chinatown \*

**THE PENTAGON**- <http://www.defencelink.mil/pubs/pentagon/>

Located across the 14<sup>th</sup> Street bridge in Virginia is our nation’s military headquarters. This 3.7 million square foot structured is one of the world’s largest office buildings. Due to the events of September 11, 2001, tours of the Pentagon have been canceled indefinitely. Tel:(703) 695-1776. *Metro Stop:* Pentagon.

**GEORGETOWN**- <http://www.nps.gov/choh/> AND [www.nps.gov/rocr/oldstonehouse/](http://www.nps.gov/rocr/oldstonehouse/)

The oldest section of Washington is home to many stores, restaurants, and attractions the Old Stone House, which is the only remaining pre-Revolution War structure remaining in the area. The C&O Canal National Historic Park is located here and from April to September the National Park Service operates mule-pulled canal boats that depart from between 30<sup>th</sup> and Thomas Jefferson Streets, ½ block below M Street. Tel: (202) 426-6851. *Not accessible by Metro, need to take Metro bus.*

**ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY**- <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/>

Open daily from 8 AM to 7 PM (April 1- September 30) and 8AM to 5 PM (October 1- March 31). Visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the graves of President, John F. Kennedy and President William Howard Taft, and the Former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and the Curtis-Lee Mansion. Changing the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier occurs every hour on the hour and every half hour during the summer months. A narrated bus tour is available for a small fee. Tel: 703-607-8052. *Metro Stop:* Arlington Cemetery.

**OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**- <http://ci.alexandria.va.us/>

Located just minutes from downtown Washington, the city of George Washington looks very much the way it did in the latter part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Old Town’s Christ Church, George Washington’s townhouse and other historical attractions. You will also find an assortment of shops and restaurants. *Metro Stop:* King Street.

**MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS**

**Jefferson Memorial**- <http://www.nps.gov/thje/home.htmtp>

This tribute to the Nation’s third President is situated on the south bank of the Tidal Basin. Open daily 8AM to midnight. At the Swan Boathouse you can rent a pedal boat for a cruise on the Basin from Memorial Day to Labor Day. *Metro Stop:* Smithsonian (this is a several block walk).

**Iwo Jima Memorial** - [http://www.nps.gov/amme/marine\\_corps\\_memorial.html](http://www.nps.gov/amme/marine_corps_memorial.html)

Located across the Potomac in Northern Virginia, this statue was erected in memory of the marines who lost their lives in WWII. Open daily 8AM to midnight. *Metro Stop:* Arlington Cemetery.

**Lincoln Memorial**- <http://www.nps.gov/linc/home.htm>

Located on the west end of the Mall, the memorial is open 8AM to midnight. Take a trip underneath the memorial for a look at Lincoln artifacts and to see the memorial’s support structure. *Metro Stop:* Foggy Bottom.

**Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial**- <http://www.thewall-usa.com/>

Located off of Independence Avenue near the Lincoln Memorial. This long solemn wall has become one of the nations most cherished and loved memorials. It bears the names of all those killed or missing in the Vietnam War. Open daily 8AM to midnight. *Metro Stop:* Foggy Bottom.

**Washington Monument**- <http://www.nps.gov/wamo/>

On the Mall at 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. This most famous of all Washington landmarks provides a breathtaking view of the city from its top. You can get on the top in 70 seconds by elevator. Open daily April-Labor Day, 8AM to midnight. Open 9AM to 5PM during the rest of the year. *Metro Stop:* Smithsonian.\*

**John F Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**- <http://www.kennedy-center.org/>

Regular tours are conducted by Friends of the Kennedy Center volunteers 7 days a week, from 10AM to 2PM. Visitors should go to the Tour Lounge, Parking level A. Tours leave every 15 minutes and last 45 minutes. If you’d like to see a show at the Kennedy Center while in town, you can find out what’s playing and if seats are available by calling (202) 416-8340. *Metro Stop:* Foggy Bottom.

**The National Zoo**- <http://www.nat zoo.si.edu>

3001 Connecticut Avenue. Visit the home of hundreds of animals, birds and reptiles. Be sure and visit the Amazonia exhibit which is a recreation of an actual tropical rain forest. Grounds are open daily from 8AM to 8PM. Call (202) 673-4800 for more information. *Metro Stop:* Woodley Park. \*

**Embassy Row**- [http://www.embassy.org/embassy\\_row/](http://www.embassy.org/embassy_row/)

Massachusetts Avenue, NW from Sheridan Circle north to Wisconsin Avenue. Some of the most impressive and varied residential architecture can be found along this stately avenue. The official residence of the Vice President of the United States can also be found along this avenue. *No Metro Stop convenient, take an even numbered 30 bus on Wisconsin Avenue to get there.*

*\*Of special interest to children*